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Asthma Coalition Interim Update

April 5, 2004



OUR COALITION IN ACTION

Open Airways: This program continues to be taught in the elementary schools. To volunteer or to learn of training sessions, contact Robin York at 429-8475.



Andrus Elementary: March 11 "Open Airways" celebration

School Screenings: Questionnaires have been distributed into the area schools through ALA to pre-screen 3rd grade children for undiagnosed asthma symptoms. Children who may have asthma will be invited to participate in a free pulmonary screening test in May.

CDHD did **presentations** on March 15 for Head Start/Early Head Start staff, and on March 17 for a group of childcare providers focusing on asthma education and reaching out to kids by using the "A is for Asthma" video. Contact Jeanie Hoover at 327-8559 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 23: The 3rd **Annual High Desert Pulmonary Conference** will be held at the Anderson Center. This all-day seminar will be a great opportunity to learn more about the lungs. To register, call Kera Yost at 336-2373.

May is World Asthma Awareness Month

May 6: **St. Al's Asthma Information and Education night** from 7-9pm. Publicity, games, and educational seminars for both kids and adults are planned. Register through Kim Martz at the Meridian Health Plaza. Michele Andrew will be helping.

May 11: **Pulmonary Screening** at Fred Meyer on Federal Way. Screening will take place from 9:00-12:00 and 2:00-5:00. AstraZeneca, ALA, CDHD, Boise Valley Asthma and Allergy Clinic and others will be participating. Please call Jeanie Hoover, at 327-8559 or Robin York at 429-8475 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13: **All-Day Asthma Planning Meeting.** Jean Woodward plans to have all the Idaho districts report on their community activities as well as hear from the state asthma subcommittees.

May 18: **Coalition Meeting:** The next Coalition Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18 in the Syringa Room at Central District Health from 12:00-1:30. Jean Woodward will be joining us.

* New Coalition Members Wanted:

If you know of any person(s) who would like to join our coalition to promote asthma awareness and education in our community, please have them contact Jeanie Hoover at (208) 327-8559.

May 27 & 28: **Library Readings**--CDHD has planned two asthma educational interactive story time sessions for pre-school children and their parents.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY:

August 11-13: **The Asthma Educator Institute** will be held in Boise on August 11-13. Five members of our coalition will be attending. Upon sitting and passing the exam, they will become certified asthma educators.

IN THE DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE:

July 7: **Asthma Day Camp**

Aug. 2-6: **Camp Super Breathers**

October 9: **October Asthma Walk**

NEWS

Idaho House Bill 632 --
School policy, medical inhalers . . . passed.

Clean Indoor Air Bill --
Governor Dirk Kempthorne signed into law the bill banning smoking in public places.

ASTHMA EDUCATION:

Please contact Jeanie Hoover at 327-8559 with ideas for future asthma awareness events. If you wish to become more active in this coalition, please let Jeanie know in which ways you would be willing to volunteer your time.